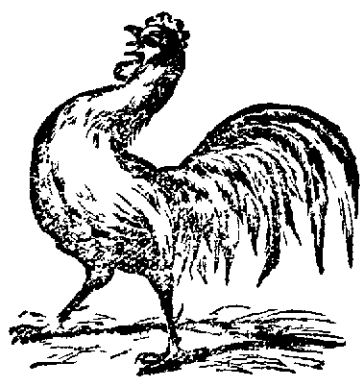


## J. R. RACE & CO.



Down They Go!  
For Cash Only!

LESS THAN COST!

25 PER CENT DISCOUNT

On all Men's Boys' and Youths' Heavy Overcoats, Reefer Coats; also a large lot of Men's, Youths', Boys' and Children's Suits, and a lot of Pants, to be closed at the same discount.

HEAVY UNDERWEAR, Mittens, Gloves, Winter Caps and Cardigan Jackets will be sold on the same terms—25 per cent off for cash.

The above sweeping reductions will close March 6, the date of our Annual Donation. You will receive a ticket for every purchase of \$5.00 cash.

J. R. RACE & CO.,  
129 to 135 Water Street.

WM. YOUNG.

CARL YOUNG.

## YOUNG BROS.

HAVE OPENED THEIR

## NEW MEAT MARKET,

North Side of Park,

And are prepared to furnish the very best

Fresh and Cured Meats,  
LARD ETC.

## Merchant Tailoring.

Your attention is called to the SUPERIOR

CLASS OF WORK made by

## FLEURY,

The French Cutter.

You will notice

The best quality of woolsens is used!

The fine trimmings with which garments are embellished!

Their perfect fit and the excellence of style!

and last, but not least, the fact that the

Lowest prices for fine garments are at

FLEURY'S,

158 Merchant St., Decatur

Nov. 6-dwv

GRANULAR LIDS.

Iritis, Amaurosis, Near-sight

and all scrofulous, painful and chronic

diseases of the Eye cured without pain

For terms, reference, etc., address,

GALVANIC INFIRMARY, Decatur, Mo.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

CHAS. LEVY, Prop.

Corner of the Old Square, Decatur

## NEW MEAT MARKET!

Danzon &amp; Son

SAVING OPENED THEIR

## NEW MEAT MARKET

No. 16, Merchant St.,

Fresh and Salt Meats,

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Ham, Bacon

Sausage, Lard, Etc.

WE SELL ONLY THE BEST QUALITY OF MEATS.

DANZESEN &amp; SON.

P. PERL

Not by a very much extended chain,

For in the past we have been

Two firms with one looking chain,

Two hearts that beat as one.

—Philadelphia Doctors.

By an editor of the Berlin State Court

the diplomas of M. D. bought of a now

defunct Medical University of Philadelphia,

the holders of which in Germany were

honored by the title of "Doctors Philadelphienses."

The happy possessor of such a diploma, a "Dr. Rosok," in

Berlin, was first named and then called

himself a physician and was selling

entirely on his merits, and is

guaranteed to cure and relieve all Chronic

and Acute Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis,

and consumption. Price 50 cents and \$1.

Call at Spencer, Lehman &amp; Co. for

the celebrated No. 1 Little Giant

## MALARIA

Quinidine and Quinine  
Shatters the Fever, Expels the Malaria,  
and Subdues the Headache.

## BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

THE  
BEST TONIC  
Quickly and completely cures Malaria and Chills  
and fevers. For general debility, loss of appetite,  
and all ailments of the blood, it is the best  
and most reliable remedy. It is the only  
remedy that builds up the system and restores  
the vitality of the blood. It is the only  
remedy that is pure and safe for all ages.  
It is the only remedy that is sold in  
bottles of 100 and 250, and is the only  
remedy that is sold in bottles of 100 and 250.

## SPECIAL GAS RATE

All consumers using not less than  
1,000 cubic feet per month, who use  
Gas for Cooking, Heating or Mechanical  
purposes, will be charged for all  
Gas consumed on and after January  
1, 1886, at the net rate of  
\$1.75 PER M. ONLY.

## DECATUR GAS LIGHT AND COKE CO.

## From Pole to Pole

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA has demonstrated its  
power of cure for all diseases of the blood.  
The Harpener's Story.  
New Bedford, June 1, 1885.  
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.—Twenty years ago, I was  
a harpener in the North Pacific, when five  
others of the crew and myself were laid up with  
a fever. Our bodies were bloated, our faces  
swelled, and our heads ached. We were all  
suffering from the same disease, and our  
lives were in danger. I had heard of Ayer's  
Sarsaparilla, and I bought a bottle. I took  
it, and in a few days I was able to get up.  
I took it, and in a few days I was able to get up.  
I took it, and in a few days I was able to get up.

## Ayer's Sarsaparilla

## PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL

—Captain J. M. Storey, of Greensboro, N. C., was struck twenty times by bullets in the late war, and is alive yet.

—Dr. Edwin B. Webb, after a pastorate of twenty-five years, retired from the pulpit of Shawmut Congregational church of Boston recently.

—Old nardes for girls, such as Gladys, Elfrida, Wilfrida, Enid, Ethel, Clarice, Rosabel, Christabel and Claribel, are again becoming fashionable.—Chicago Herald.

—An investigator of names says after a long search for it he has been unable to find any person who ever bore that of Printer. He has found Painter, Stainer, Shoemaker, Tanner, Tinker, Carpenter and many others derived from trades or occupations, but no Printer.—N. Y. Tribune.

—The paper on which the historic Bancroft writes is a singular combination of yellow and green. He says that with ordinary white paper before him the composition of a single sentence is the work of fifteen or twenty minutes. His thoughts will only flow when this peculiar paper is used.

—Baroness Burdett-Coutts has the satisfaction of knowing that her young American husband has the Marquis de Lorne for a seat in the House of Commons. The Marquis is the Queen's son-in-law, and it was her Majesty who snubbed the Baroness because she married a young man.—Chicago Times.

—Dr. Archibald Dodds, a young Pittsburgh physician who removed to Syria some years ago and who recently came home to bring his little boy to live with relatives, was drowned when the Churnet steamer Siron while near the coast of Spain. The Siron had struck a rock. Dr. Dodds had twice secured a life-preserver, but gave it up to a lady each time.—Pittsburgh Post.

—There are two well-known house-decorators in New York City who are known for the same height, weight, complexion, and build, wearing clothes of the same color and style, and lunching together, without speaking a word to each other, every day at Delmonico's. The ordinary mortal can not tell them apart, and one never knows which of the two he is talking to.—N. Y. Mail.

—Charles Schneider, of Cincinnati, several years ago married the daughter of John Grossman, his employer, against the father's wishes. The young wife was after a time persuaded to leave her husband and return home. Her husband tried to reclaim her, and failing, shot at her. For this he was sent to the penitentiary, and his wife secured a divorce. Since then her father died and left her valuable property, and recently the young husband, who had served his term in the penitentiary went to see his children, found his wife still loved him, and they were again married.—Cincinnati Times.

## 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

—ON THE PRICES OF—

## Boys' Clothing!

AND NO PRESENTS, are Our WATCHWORDS.

If you receive presents, in the shape of

Chromos, Pewter Watches, Sleighs and

Lottery Tickets, ask your judgment who

pays for them?

THIS IS FOR MOTHERS TO READ:

Our Boys' and Children's Department

now occupies a large portion of the first

floor and enables all to be waited on with

comfort and dispatch. The Holiday season

has been a very busy one with us.

We have been adding many of the Latest

Designs in BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S

OVERCOATS AND SUITS,

And to-day this large stock comprises every-

thing in Material, Trimmings, Cut, Style

and Finish that makes it the Largest and

Most Complete CHILDREN'S STOCK in

the city.

A look will show what Art, Taste and

Skill can accomplish. Remember,

20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

And No Chromos.

## B. STINE,

The Leading Boys' and Children's Clothier.

MAMMOTH SALE

Hosiery and Underwear!

We have placed on sale to-day our entire line

of WOOLEN HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR at

the following marvelously LOW PRICES:

Children's All Wool Knit Hose at 11c a pair, worth 20c.

Children's all wool Cashmere Hose at 19c, worth 30c.

Children's Fine French Cashmere Hose at 25c, worth 35c.

Children's Derby Ribbed Cashmere Hose at 25c, worth 35c.

Children's double kned Cashmere Hose at 25c, worth 35c.

Misses' Fine Cashmere Hose, ribbed and plain, at 25c, worth 40c.

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, cardinal and black, at 19c, worth 30c.

Ladies' all wool Knit Hose at 20c, worth 30c.

Ladies' all wool Cashmere Hose at 25c, worth 35c.

Ladies' Fine Cashmere Hose at 35c, worth 45c.

Ladies' Extra Fine French Cashmere Hose, in all colors, plain and

ribbed, at 39c, worth 50 and 60c.

Ladies' Imported Cashmere Hose, worth 85c and \$1.00, reduced to 60c.

Men's Undershirts and Drawers at 25c each.

Men's all wool Scarlet Undershirts at 50c each.

Men's Extra Heavy Canton Flannel Drawers at 50c each.

Men's Fine Merino Undershirts and Drawers at 50 and 55c, worth

60 and 75c.

Men's Scarlet mixed Shirts and Drawers, at 75c, worth \$1.00.

Ladies' Fine Merino Vests, cashmere finish, at 50c, reduced from 75c.

Ladies' Scarlet all wool Cashmere Vests and Pants, silk binding,

silk attached, worth \$1.50 each, reduced for this sale to 98c each.

Men's Undershirts and Drawers at 25c each.

Men's all wool Scarlet Undershirts at 50c each.

Men's Extra Heavy Canton Flannel Drawers at 50c each.

Men's Fine Merino Undershirts and Drawers at 50 and 55c, worth

60 and 75c.

Men's Scarlet mixed Shirts and Drawers, at 75c, worth \$1.00.

Ladies' Fine Merino Vests, cashmere finish, at 50c, reduced from 75c.

Ladies' Scarlet all wool Cashmere Vests and Pants, silk binding,

silk attached, worth \$1.50 each, reduced for this sale to 98c each.

Men's Undershirts and Drawers at 25c each.

Men's all wool Scarlet Undershirts at 50c each.

Men's Extra Heavy Canton Flannel Drawers at 50c each.

Men's Fine Merino Undershirts and Drawers at 50 and 55c, worth

60 and 75c.

Men's Scarlet mixed Shirts and Drawers, at 75c, worth \$1.00.

Ladies' Fine Merino Vests, cashmere finish, at 50c, reduced from 75c.

Ladies' Scarlet all wool Cashmere Vests and Pants, silk binding,

silk attached, worth \$1.50 each, reduced for this sale to 98c each.

Men's Undershirts and Drawers at 25c each.

Men's all wool Scarlet Undershirts at 50c each.

Men's Extra Heavy Canton Flannel Drawers at 50c each.

Men's Fine Merino Undershirts and Drawers at 50 and 55c, worth

60 and 75c.

Men's Scarlet mixed Shirts and Drawers, at 75c, worth \$1.00.

Ladies' Fine Merino Vests, cashmere finish, at 50c, reduced from 75c.

Ladies' Scarlet all wool Cashmere Vests and Pants, silk binding,

silk attached, worth \$1.50 each, reduced for this sale to 98c each.

Men's Undershirts and Drawers at 25c each.

Men's all wool Scarlet Undershirts at 50c each.

Men's Extra Heavy Canton Flannel Drawers at 50c each.

Men's Fine Merino Undershirts and Drawers at 50 and 55c, worth

60 and 75c.

## THE POPULAR RAILWAY

OF THE CENTRAL STATES.

## THE GREAT

## WABASH

## ROUTE.

## ONLY LINE

Reaching by Direct routes all the following

large cities:

ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS, PORT WAYNE,

DETROIT, LAFAYETTE,

TOLEDO, SPRINGFIELD,

HANNIBAL, QUINCY,

KEOKUK, PEORIA,

KANSAS CITY, COUNCIL BLUFFS,

ST. JOSEPH, OMAHA,

DES MOINES, ILLINOIS.

Embracing the Principal Points of the Six

Great States of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illi-

nois, Iowa and Missouri, with Branch Lines or

Close Connections to other cities not mentioned

above.

## Through Sleeping Car Lines

Between St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

St. Louis, New York and Boston, via

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

JOHN A. BROWN

ATTORNEY AT LAW

AND MASTER IN CHANCERY for Macon County

Illinois. Office over Linn &amp; Scruggs' dry goods

store. Entrance from Court House Railway.

BUNN &amp; PARK, (D. L. Bunn, Edwin Park.)

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Office No. 14 East Main street, up-stairs, De-

catur, Illinois.

B. L. STERNETT.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office with C. H. Fuller, over the Postoffice

Building, Decatur, Illinois.

J. M. CLOKEY,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR

AT LAW.

Office over the Decatur National Bank. Spe-

cial attention to matters in Probate and Chan-

cery.

D. W. WHELAN, M. D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Special attention given to the disease of

women and children. Office No. 112 N. Water

street. Residence 32 West Main St., Decatur,

Illinois.

J. A. S. WALTZ,

DENTIST.

Office over Barber &amp; Baker's shoe store, Main

street. Residence No. 14 North Main St.,

Decatur, Illinois.

H. PASCO, Notary Public.

PASCO,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

OFFICER IN CHANCERY, WAR CLAIM AGENT

AND DEALER IN REAL ESTATE.

Office over Linn &amp; Scruggs' dry goods store,

Decatur, Illinois.

Joseph Mills and William B. Harris, as Mills &amp;

Harris vs. Guise, J. N. H. Harris, M. L. Harris,

N. H. Harris, B. Harris, J. Harris, M. Harris,

Public notice is hereby given, that in pur-

suance of a docket order entered in the above

entitled cause in said court at the September

term, 1885, the following premises, to-wit:

Lot 1 and 2 of the 11th block of the

City of Decatur, Illinois, owned by the

Mills &amp; Harris estate, will be sold subject

to redemption, on the 6th day of February, A. D.

1886, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, shall

sell at public auction, to the highest bidder,

for cash, at the west door of the Court House

in Decatur, Illinois, the above described premises,







FINE WATCHES!



We are showing some very handsome NEW GOODS in Gold and Silver Watches. If you think of buying a watch you should see these. They have all the latest improvements in watches; and the latest improvement in SETTING watches is conceded to be the greatest improvement introduced since stem-winders were brought out.



OTTO E. CURTIS & BROTHER

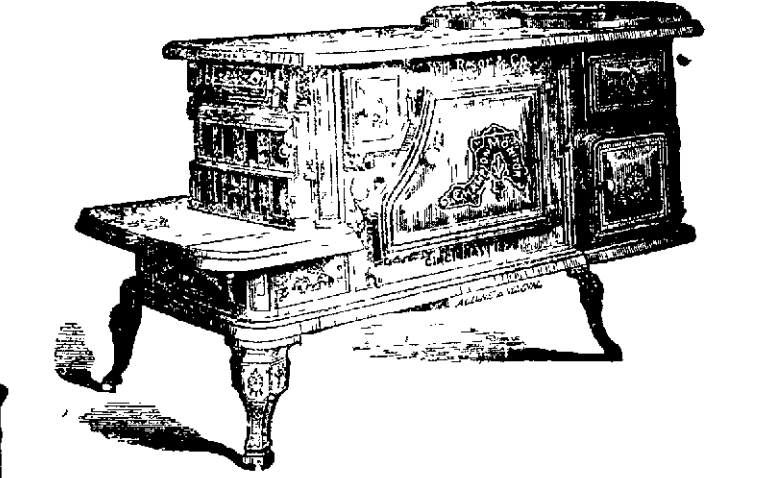
EVERYTHING

FINE AS SILK

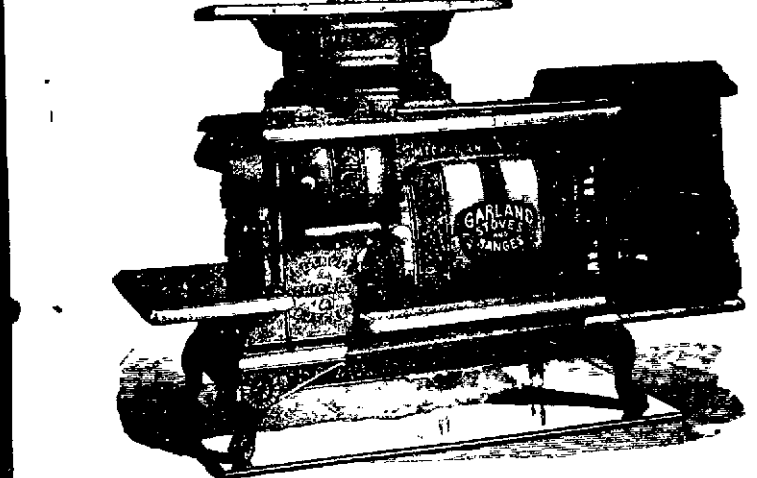
BREWER'S BAKERY,

211 North Main St., Decatur, Ill.  
Sept. 14, 1896—31st

"MONITOR."



"GARLAND."



Old and Reliable Stoves with all the Latest Improvements.

SOLD ONLY BY  
**FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT**  
125 North Water Street.

The Daily Republican.

For week, payable to Order, \$10.00.  
One year, in advance, \$60.00.  
Six Months, \$30.00.  
Three Months, \$15.00.

SAURDAY EVE., FEB. 6, 1896.

LOCAL NEWS.

A handsome line of colored and decorated fancy glassware for presents, now on sale at  
**E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.**  
"Shipped by the Light of the Moon."  
WM. RICHIE will build a grain elevator at Warrensburg next spring.  
Go to D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s for Flour, Meal and all kinds of Mill Feed. 13-dit  
**HENRY LUNN** has been conducting revival services at the Methodist church at Warrensburg.  
At the Harrison revival last night there were 24 new seekers and 16 conversions.  
Nixon and clean fresh steak Codfish, White Fish and Trout at Peter Ulrich's, 114 East Main street.  
Tax Sons of Veterans will meet Monday night at the G. A. R. hall. All members of the Camp are urged to be present.  
Ask for D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s Roller Process Pearl corn meal; guaranteed superior to any made in the state. 13-dit  
Tax District Lodge of Good Templars will be in session at Warrensburg on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.  
Tax third grade room in the Sangamon Street School, where there was a little blaze yesterday, will be open for the children on Monday. School in all the rooms as usual.  
Tax ladies all say that White Foam family flour is the best, sold by all leading grocers.  
Tax old square debt will be settled without litigation. The proposition of the property owners to pay \$4 per front foot, instead of \$3, has been accepted.  
A firm concert will be given at Stapp's Chapel on Thursday evening, February 25th.  
Tax household effects of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Riper have been shipped to Portage, Wis., their new home. The daily REPUBLICAN will visit the family regularly and keep them posted as to Decatur news.  
SHELLABARGER & Co.'s White Leaf and Daily Bread flour will take the lead. For sale by all dealers and at our mill. 13-dit  
EUGENE HOSLAND and wife will remove from Warrensburg to Pennsylvania, where Mr. H. will run a steam engine.  
A BRILLIANT little opera entitled "The Spotted Knight" and a sparkling drama entitled "The Boarding School" will be the attractions at the Freeborn and Episcopal entertainment at the Opera House on February 10, 1896.  
It is denied by J. S. Ohlde that he has been paid by the P. D. & E. company for the killing of his twelve head of horses. Mr. Ohlde wants actual damages from a commercial standpoint.  
Telephone to Niedermeyer on the Mound for reliable family groceries.  
The funeral of Mrs. James Ryan, who died of consumption at Hawthorn Station, west of the city yesterday afternoon, took place this afternoon. Rev. O'Connell officiating. The deceased was aged 19 years and 11 months, and leaves a young husband.  
If you want the Best Soft Coal sold in this market, Lump or nut, and nicely screened, call on Caldwell, the live coal dealer. Jan-29-dit  
Tax ladies of the Decatur Macedonia Baptist church will give a sociable next Tuesday night for the benefit of said church at No. 414 South Broadway. A cordial invitation to all. Admission ten cents.  
ORDERS for Decatur coal taken at the shaft or at Armstrong's drug store. Orders promptly filled. Terms cash. 17-dit  
Tax little breeze of yesterday gave the railroad men some trouble. Receiver Conklin, of the Midland, had to send out a force of men to shovel snow off the west end.  
SPLENDID buckwheat flour and the finest maple syrup at Peter Ulrich's grocery store.  
Tax source dancing party given at Guards' Armory last night under the auspices of the Woman's Exchange, was a happy affair. It was attended mostly by young society people and by the young ladies from a distance who are in the city on a visit to friends. There were 20 numbers on the programme, and the solid refreshments were sandwiches and fresh milk from the Krebs cafe. The party was a pronounced success.  
STORY at C. B. Prescott's parlor and inspect those superb Hays Bros. pianos and other standard instruments.  
YESTERDAY afternoon Officer Hardy caught Pat O'Connell, a stranger, stealing a pair of shoes from the front of W. F. Basher & Co.'s store. He was arrested and put in jail, where it seemed he was anxious to go.  
We do not sound a needless alarm when we tell you that the taint of scarlet fever is in your blood. Inherited or acquired, it is there, and Ayer's Sarsaparilla alone will effectually eradicate it.  
DEAL with Hanks & Patterson, South Water street merchants, and secure good family groceries and table supplies.  
Tax Curtis Brothers have a Canadian toboggan on exhibition at their jewelry store. It is a long board with a curve at one end, upholstered and otherwise fixed up. It is just the thing for a lightning-like slide down a hill, and is light of weight, easy to pull to the top again.  
It is a blind confidence to suppose yourself incapable of mistake. It is indeed a serious blunder to refuse to take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup when you even suspect you have taken cold. Price 25 cents.  
What a grand, great country this is with its vast territory, its big rivers, its pretty women, and its Veni, Vidi, Vici cure—Salvation Oil.  
CALL at Duntman & Meyers', in Hawthorn block, and you will get genuine bargains in fine furniture.  
New CARPETS, of the very latest productions in Brussels, Velvets and Ingrains, just received at  
**LINN & SCRUGGS.**  
TELEPHONE to J. W. Baker at P. O. Book Store for clean Decatur coal. 19-dit  
F. D. CALDWELL, the live coal dealer, has just received a choice article of Lackawanna Hard Coal, bright, clean and nicely screened (all sizes). Jan-29-dit

GOT THE GLANDERS.

The Disease Among the Horses of the Gabriel Near Blue Mound.  
For several weeks a number of the horses belonging to Thomas Gabriel, a farmer in Pleasant View township, within two miles of Blue Mound, have been sick and unfit for service. Dr. Bivans, the veterinary surgeon, visited the farm this week and pronounced the disease to be glanders, and he ordered that four of the bunch be destroyed. The horses, two of which were worth \$150 each, were killed. Mr. Gabriel, who was in Decatur last evening, states that he has left 7 other horses, several of which appear to have the ugly symptoms indicating glanders. The 11 head were worth \$1500 and if all are killed Mr. G. will feel the loss severely. He has sent word to Governor Oglesby to have Dr. Paaren, the state veterinarian, sent to his farm at once. He says if his horses have the glanders he wants them all killed without delay so that none of the stock of his neighbors will be exposed to the disease.  
Goodness and Steward.  
The somewhat noted Chicago labor orator, Benj. W. Goodhue, filled his engagement at the court house last night, and delivered an eloquent and instructive address on labor topics before a fair-sized audience of ladies and gentlemen. The address was liberally applauded, as was also the closing talk by Bert Stewart, who spoke several minutes. Mr. Goodhue is at Lincoln to-day.  
PERSONAL MENTION  
Mr. and Mrs. C. N. May have returned to the city from Ohio.  
Mrs. Marshall Mason is at Springfield visiting friends.  
Mrs. M. P. Murphy was seriously ill yesterday.  
Dr. Capps went to Hillsboro yesterday afternoon. He returned to-day.  
Banker Woodcock, of Macon, was in the city to-day. He reports the corn trade at his town quite lively.  
Miss Minnie Baldwin is reported dangerously ill at Winfield, Kansas. Her mother, Mrs. Darling, is arranging to visit her as soon as possible.  
Jabez Capps, one of the founders of Mr. Pullen's, was born in London, England, in 1786, and is now living "on the hill," at the age of 90 years.  
News has been received that the Decatur snow and blizzard bound party that started for California several weeks ago, has arrived at Los Angeles well and hearty. They got there Jan. 27th. There were 180 people in the belated train.  
The \$100 gold watch lost by Mrs. C. M. Imboden was found Wednesday evening by F. E. Wade, of the Telephone Exchange, who on seeing the notice in the REPUBLICAN, promptly returned it to C. M. Imboden. Wade wouldn't take the \$10 reward offered him by Mr. I., but was content with \$5.  
A Card.  
EDS. REPUBLICAN—I am a sister of Mrs. Charles E. Brown, and wish to say that when she left her home at Newton, Jasper county, Ill., in 1883 as a missionary minister of the Free Methodist denomination, she was a virtuous woman. Her maiden name was Martha E. Freeman, and she was well educated. Her family know nothing of her alleged downfall, and never heard any scandal about her until the Decatur papers reached them, giving particulars of Brown's suicide. I am now here in search of Mrs. Brown and would be glad to receive any information as to her whereabouts, so that she can be taken home. If she is guilty as charged, it cannot be helped now; if she is innocent, as I believe she is, then her innocence will be proven. It is earnestly hoped that the city papers will no longer refer to her in an improper manner. Mrs. Brown is also a sister of Mrs. Clara Kimball, the revivalist of Missouri.  
MRS. JULIA M. BROWNFIELD  
Last night Mrs. Michael Eichinger had her birthday anniversary pleasantly celebrated at the family home by members of Daughters of Rebekah Lodge and friends, who gave her a complete surprise. Mr. Eichinger also took a hand in the surprise after the oyster supper was disposed of. He arose and formally presented his wife with an elegant gold watch as a slight token of his personal regard for her many good qualities. The evening was delightfully spent.  
Excursion to Springfield.  
The Ladies' Mission Society of the 4th ward will run an excursion train to Springfield on Thursday, February 11th, to return at the close of the Harrison revival services in the evening. Fare for the round trip, \$1. Rev. Musgrave has pledged himself to admit all Decatur people to the services, and says, "bring as many Harrison converts as you can."  
A Bad Spell  
County officers, as well as newspaper editors, occasionally come into possession of examples of orthography that it would be no sin to worship, being unlike anything on earth, in the heavens above or in the waters beneath. The following, received by one of our county officers yesterday, is one of the worst samples we have ever seen:  
Jacksonville Ill Feb 4 1896 to the County Clerk of Decatur Ill Sir I wish you to do me a greivous favor I wish you to let on the R. R. and see if Ben Merit and Rebecca Crawford got a divorce last turn of Corte or not and if they married or not last fall or not Right the the boll a Boute the fact please fix you Seal or Same I Will Beas you num Bell der Vent  
yours  
INA. BELL CHAWFORD  
Jacksonville Ill  
CHIEF WAYNE has telegraphed to Indianapolis to have a new wheel made for the Chemical engine that was partly wrecked in the run to the Sangamon street school house fire yesterday. The company do not have the wheel in stock, and a new one will have to be made, consuming from a week to ten days time. In the interval the hose wagon crew will be on the alert as usual; a two-wheel cart and several Babcock extinguishers ready for use will be kept in the department bobbled, to be drawn to fires if an alarm is sounded. The department boys say they are ready to tackle any ordinary fire and "get there as quickly as ever." The main to the Chemical is generally discolored, but by none more sincerely than Chief Wayne and the crew.  
LATEST NOVELTIES in Swiss, Cambrio and Mainlock Embroideries, with "all-overs" to match. Also a beautiful line of Colored Edgings, with cloth and all-overs to match—altogether with an elegant assortment of Toronto Laces, New Swiss Embroideries, Oriental Laces—as well as a large assortment of White Goods, just received.  
**LINN & SCRUGGS.**

Inquest on an Infant.

Yesterday afternoon Coroner Park, in response to a telegram sent from Hervey City, drove to the home of Edmund Turpin south of Mt. Zion to hold an inquest on the body of his infant son, Theodore M. Turpin, aged 7 months and 6 days, who died suddenly after a short ride in a sleigh, a distance of 2½ miles. The jury-men were M. L. Downey, F. L. Wallace, George W. Jones, P. R. Ground, A. R. Edward and H. L. Ground. The parents were at the residence of Madison Turpin on a visit. They started for home in the sleigh, the mother wrapping the child carefully with a shawl and put a veil and silk handkerchief over his face. The child moved several times on the way, and also gave signs of life after reaching the dwelling. He was placed on a bed and covered with a shawl until a fire could be built, and when the mother went up to the bed to take up the infant it was dead. The jury returned a verdict of death from cause unknown. It was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Turpin.  
Fire Near Long Creek.  
Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock Lewis Saunders, a Republican subscriber, who lives near Long Creek Station, suffered a severe loss by fire. A defective fire set his farmhouse on fire at the hour stated and the dwelling together with its contents, the smoke-house and its contents—all the meat, seed oats, etc.—were consumed. Mr. Saunders was in Decatur at the time and two of the children were at school. Only Mrs. Saunders and one small child were at home. The loss is placed at \$1000. No insurance. The family are now at the home of J. A. Cochran, brother-in-law of Mr. Saunders.  
A New Law Point.  
At the late term of the Douglas county circuit court, Chas. Drago was by Judge Hughes, fined \$100 and sentenced to ten days in jail, for disposing of liquor without license. The case was carried up to the appellate court at Springfield by Drago and his attorney, A. C. Ficklin, and after careful consideration that court has practically reversed the decision of Judge Hughes, who ruled that no person could even give liquor away without license.  
Mr. BOURGHER, representing the Preston & Co. fire apparatus company, was in the city yesterday chatting with Chief Wayne with a view to selling Decatur a complete hook and ladder truck to be drawn by horses. He had a splendid design of a new truck that can be built to order at a cost ranging from \$1200 to \$12000. The department needs a truck badly. Mr. B. will return on Tuesday, when he will figure with the fire department committee of the council on a truck.  
The Comedy To-Night.  
Baker & Farron will give us "A Soap Bubble" to-night. The company appeared at Springfield last night, and made a big hit. It is pronounced the best play of its class. Co.  
Profitable Meetings Closed.  
The Baptist church has just closed a series of very profitable meetings. There has been preaching at this church every night, except Saturday nights, for five weeks. The meetings have been well attended, and the church has been built up spiritually. Quite a number have been converted. Last night three young men were received. Eleven in all have united with the church, all of them being adults. There is a deep religious feeling among the men who have not yet come to Christ. The real working force of this church is thoroughly alive, and was never in better condition to do effective work than now. Rev. Dr. Voeburg, the pastor, goes to Mendota on Monday morning where he will preach every night during the week, aiding the pastor in a series of extra meetings.  
The Compulsory Education Law.  
EDITHS REPUBLICAN—The subject of compulsory education is a very important one. It is undoubtedly true that there are a good many children in our city who are growing up without deriving any benefit from the schools. In some cases this is owing to the poverty of the parents. In many instances, it is probable that it is because parents are indifferent and children are lawless and disobedient. The writer has heard of a few instances in which the few cents earned by the children were used by the parents to purchase drink. For the credit of humanity it is to be hoped that such cases are rare in our city. Now what can be done to bring these children into the schools? If three citizens who really believe it is a crime to rob a child of the ordinary elements of an education will manifest an active interest the trouble can be readily corrected. We all know that there is a ready-made fund of text books for those who are not able to buy. No child need remain out of the schools for a single day on account of books. We ought to have a trust office, that it should be the duty of some one to hunt up these children and see that they are made to attend school. Possibly the help of the police could be secured in this good work. But for the present let every person knowing of a child out of school send a written note to Supt. Casman giving the name, age and residence of such child. We believe he will be glad to help in this work, and if he refuses to say to apply to the Board of Education and see if some force cannot be brought to bear that will make him do his duty. But this will not be necessary. Now let citizens, are you ready to do what you can in this matter? No law will execute itself.  
A Father.  
Skipped by the Light of the Moon.  
Harrison & Gourley's successful farce comedy, "Skipped by the Light of the Moon," a piece that has attained a wide celebrity throughout the country, and which by many is considered to be the best, as it was the first of a class of plays that have become the rage of the present day, will be presented at the opera house on next Thursday evening, for the first time in this city. The piece will be played here by the Fowler & Warrington Company, with the two comedians, Fred Lennox and Walter Lennox, Jr., in the leading roles. The Philadelphia Ledger thus speaks of this play  
"One might as well hope to successfully photograph a laugh as to describe "Skipped by the Light of the Moon," or say why it is funny. It is simply and sublimely clever analysis. Its sole object is to raise a breeze, and the breeze which has been raised by it has got quite beyond control and grown to an unmanageable magnitude of a cyclone. The most impetuous nature goes down before it without a show of resistance, and everybody roils and shakes and laughs."  
Skipped by the Light of the Moon, the most laughable farce comedy of the age, will be given at the opera house on next Thursday evening.  
It was incorrectly stated yesterday that there was a fire at the Sangamon Street School building a year ago, owned by an orange being thrown into the register. That episode occurred at the High School building.

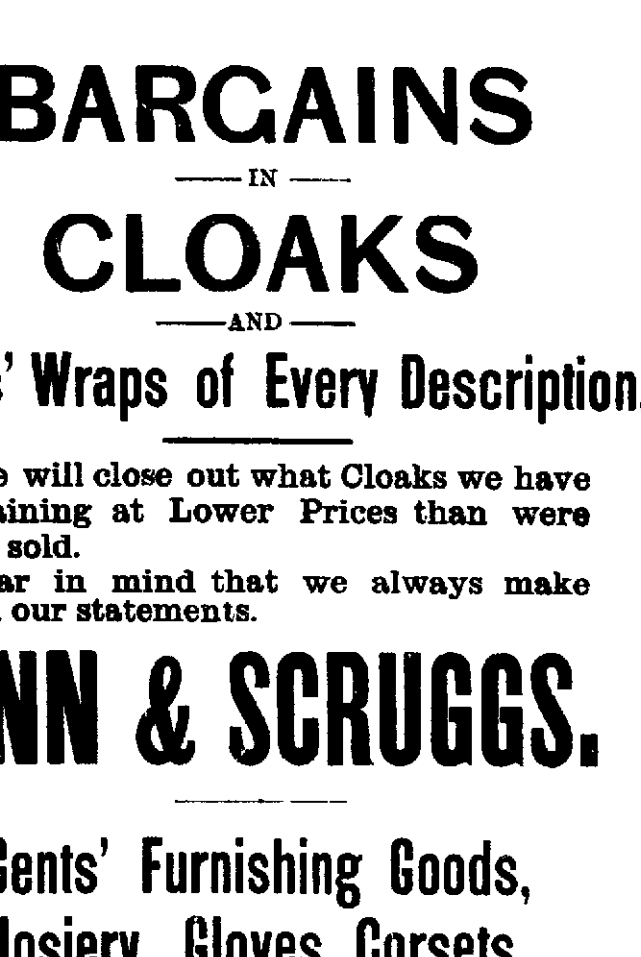
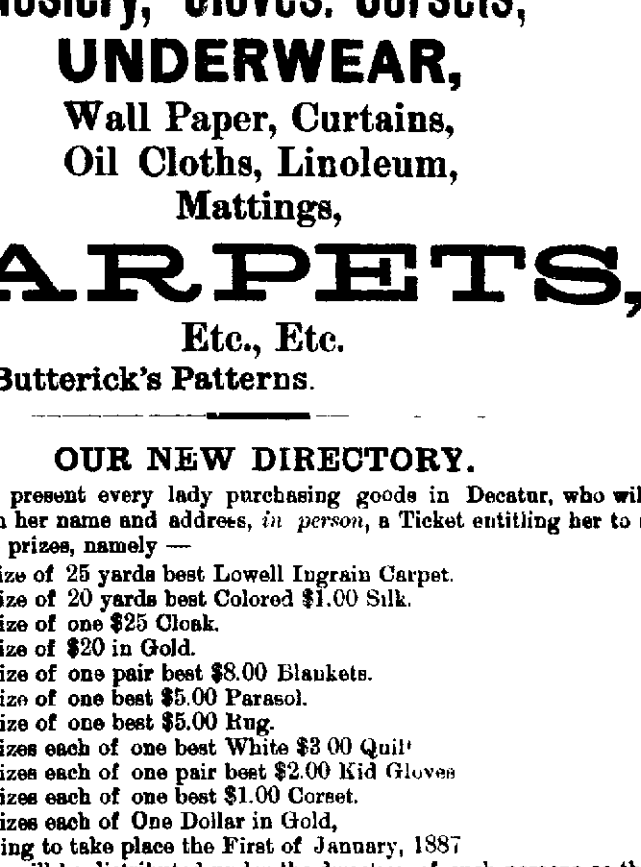
A GOOD NIGHT'S WORK.

Street Paving Ordinances Adopted, and the Old Square Debt to Be Paid—Minor Business.  
The city council met in adjourned session last night, Mayor Kanan and all the aldermen present except McCollean.  
The city attorney reported the reports of the justices of the peace as correct, as did also the finance committee as to the Library report.  
The committee reported the plat of Montgomery & Shull's first addition as correct.  
The claim of John Park for corn and hay, \$30.30, was paid.  
Marshal Mason reported for January that 27 arrests had been made—11 for intoxication, 5 for assault, 1 for disorderly conduct, 2 for profane language, 4 for larceny, 1 for attempt to commit murder, 1 for highway robbery, 1 for shooting within city limits, and 1 for attempted outrage.  
THE OLD SQUARE COMPROMISE.  
That venerable mix—the payment for the old square improvement—came up again and created considerable cross-firing between the city attorney, Ald. Durfee and Ald. Muzzey.  
The ball was opened by Ald. Wayne who presented a new proposition by parties who have all along insisted that the city asks too much of them to pay the amount fixed by the commissioners. That rate was \$6 per front foot. They propose this settlement: "We are willing to pay an assessment of \$4 per front foot against our property, and upon the acceptance of this proposition by the council we are willing that the city attorney shall have the assessment roll confirmed against our property on that basis," signed by John Ulrich, 41 feet; S. K. Starr, 40; Charles Lutz, 76; B. Shine, 20; W. S. Grubb, for Mathew, 19½; J. M. Ciochey, 19½; Ira B. Curtis, 20½; J. F. Montgomery, 20; A. Rothfus, 97; A. J. Ehrhard, 20; Joseph Sutter, 97. It was stated that T. T. Roberts, not in the city, would sign the paper.  
Ald. Durfee's motion that the proposition be referred to the finance committee and the mayor was lost.  
Ald. Wayne then moved that it be referred to the city attorney with power to make a settlement in accordance with the terms of the proposition. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Voting aye—Ferguson, Gogerty, Muzzey, Oakes, Starr, Wayne and White; voting nay—Durfee and Ehrman.  
STREET PAVING.  
An ordinance fixing the grades of the streets to be paved with brick and cobblestones, with profiles attached, was presented for adoption. Rule 15 was suspended and the ordinance was adopted—Muzzey voting in the negative.  
Attorney Mills presented the ordinances for street paving and they were adopted, except for the one block on Main street west of the old square where the grade has not been verified.  
The council was in session until after 11 o'clock.  
THE CIRCUIT COURT.  
January Term, 1896—C. B. Smith, Judge.  
FRIDAY, FEB. 5.  
Court adjourned at 7 p. m. to Monday at 10 a. m.  
COMMON LAW DOCKET.  
Tobias Kohn vs. Fred. Aholtz and M. Metzl; appellants. Appeal. Verdict of guilty, and plaintiff's damages assessed at \$10 motion by Aholtz for a new trial.  
Same vs. same; appeal. Verdict of guilty. Motion by Aholtz for a new trial.  
There are still about twenty-four cases on the common law docket, all of which are continued for trial until the June term of court.  
CRIMINAL DOCKET.  
Sarah M. Jockish vs. Charles G. G. Jockish; divorce. Evidence heard by court; decree granted, and \$500 allowed for alimony.  
Mary J. Bragg vs. William Bragg; divorce. Evidence heard by court; decree granted.  
THE TOTAL OF CRIMINAL CASES will commence on Monday.  
AN AFTERNOON RECEPTION.  
Mrs. Wm. B. Chambers yesterday introduced an innovation in Decatur society circles, which promises to be repeated at other residences. It was an invitation afternoon reception at the Chambers mansion on College Hill for the reception and entertainment of ladies only from 2 to 5 o'clock, Mrs. Chambers being assisted in the honors of the occasion by a lady friend, Mrs. Clark, a guest from a distance, who thus formed the acquaintance of all callers. There was a large number of callers between the hours stated, who were very pleasantly entertained by the hospitable hostess who never fails to make her parties delightful affairs.  
LAST night Little Maggie May, the child wonder, gave a fine exhibition at the Rink which was witnessed by an audience of moderate size. She will appear again to night and please the people. Patrons of the Rink say that there is something wrong with the management of the same, as it is kept closed too long. They claim that it ought to be open at least three nights each week, in order to keep up the interest; otherwise the sport will eventually die out, and people will have to be given choruses in order to induce them to patronize the enterprise. It is understood that Mr. Priest, who acts as treasurer, favors a saving of fuel and lights, rather than to open to losing business. Perhaps if Manager Boynton was given full swing he would boom the Rink and bring in a more plentiful supply of dimes.  
DIED.  
At St. Mary's Hospital on February 5, Mrs. MARGARET J. RUGER, aged 72 years.  
The deceased had lived in Decatur a number of years. She had no relatives here. The interment took place this afternoon at Greenwood.  
We should economize at all times, but more especially when times are close. Observe the purchase of your thrifty neighbors. More substantial benefits can be obtained from a fifty cent bottle of Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure than a dollar bottle of any other cough remedy. It is a prompt, safe and pleasant cure for all throat and lung troubles. Sold and endorsed by Dr. A. J. Stoner.  
The Chicago Grain Market.  
The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at noon to-day:  
Wheat—80 March; — April; 85½ May.  
Corn—36½ March; 36½ April; 40½ May.  
Oats—28½ March; — April; 31½ May.  
Rye—\$11.05 March; \$11.15 April; \$11.25 May.  
Lard—\$6.15 March; — April; \$6.25 May.  
SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Consumption, Loss of Appetite, Headache and all symptoms of Impaired Health. Price 10 cents per bottle. Sold by R. M. Irwin and C. F. Walling, druggists.

BARAINS

—IN—  
**CLOAKS**  
—AND—  
Ladies' Wraps of Every Description.  
We will close out what Cloaks we have remaining at Lower Prices than were ever sold.  
Bear in mind that we always make good our statements.  
**LINN & SCRUGGS.**  
Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets, UNDERWEAR, Wall Paper, Curtains, Oil Cloths, Linoleum, Matting, CARPETS, Etc., Etc.  
Agents Butterick's Patterns.  
OUR NEW DIRECTORY.  
We will present every lady purchasing goods in Decatur, who will favor us with her name and address, in person, a Ticket entitling her to a chance in 84 prizes, namely—  
1 prize of 25 yards best Lowell Ingrain Carpet.  
1 prize of 20 yards best Colored \$1.00 Silk.  
1 prize of one \$25 Cloak.  
1 prize of \$20 in Gold.  
1 prize of one pair best \$8.00 Blankets.  
1 prize of one best \$5.00 Parosol.  
1 prize of one best \$5.00 Rug.  
5 prizes each of one best White \$3.00 Quilt.  
12 prizes each of one pair best \$2.00 Kid Gloves.  
10 prizes each of one best \$1.00 Corset.  
50 prizes each of One Dollar in Gold.  
The Drawing to take place the First of January, 1897.  
The prizes will be distributed under the direction of such persons as the Ticket holders shall designate.  
Please Note the Fact that we do not require any one to buy goods of us in order to reimburse us for the Ticket we give them. And as each article possesses real value, they can be exchanged for any other article in merchandise.  
**LINN & SCRUGGS.**

Novel Peninsular.

THE MOST CONVENIENT STOVE YET PRODUCED.  
  
The Fire Box, Flues and Oven are the important parts of a cook stove. The fire back of the Novel is made in three pieces, which are interchangeable. The bottom grate is hinged at the back, and by an ingenious contrivance, can be set at any angle or dumped completely, without opening the front door. The oven doors are made in two parts, the upper of which swings while the lower drops down, forming a convenient oven shelf. The great convenience of this feature is apparent to every housewife.  
SOLD ONLY BY  
**Morehouse, Wells & Co.,**  
AGENTS FOR  
  
We should economize at all times, but more especially when times are close. Observe the purchase of your thrifty neighbors. More substantial benefits can be obtained from a fifty cent bottle of Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure than a dollar bottle of any other cough remedy. It is a prompt, safe and pleasant cure for all throat and lung troubles. Sold and endorsed by Dr. A. J. Stoner.  
The Chicago Grain Market.  
The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at noon to-day:  
Wheat—80 March; — April; 85½ May.  
Corn—36½ March; 36½ April; 40½ May.  
Oats—28½ March; — April; 31½ May.  
Rye—\$11.05 March; \$11.15 April; \$11.25 May.  
Lard—\$6.15 March; — April; \$6.25 May.  
SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Consumption, Loss of Appetite, Headache and all symptoms of Impaired Health. Price 10 cents per bottle. Sold by R. M. Irwin and C. F. Walling, druggists.  
**MOREHOUSE, WELLS & CO.,**  
DECATUR, ILL.



NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE